

## CURRENT COMMENT

BY FREDERIC HEATH.

There are 120,000 dues-paying members in the Social-Democratic party in Berlin, Germany.

Socialism is now making headway in the Japanese army, and is being repressed as far as it can be located.

We do not want to stop industry, but we want industry to bring abundance and security to the industrious.

One trouble with Mr. Roosevelt is that he has a mighty bad record. The people, especially the working class, know him of old.

The latest report is to the effect that a Socialist paper had been started in Jerusalem. It is printed in pure Hebrew. Its name is "Hachaduth," if anybody should ask you.

Don't vote for what you do NOT want, for you may GET it. You have many of you been voting that way in the past, and you know what you got for it—high cost of living, among other things.

Actual Socialist organization is rapidly increasing in China. The membership of the Social-Democratic party of Finland is 48,406. A goodly proportion of the members belong to the peasantry.

Emperor Willie made a trip to Switzerland recently, and the first burglar-master whose duty it was to receive him unfortunately had a bad management elsewhere. He happened to be a Social-Democrat.

The old party politicians have thoroughly discredited themselves in Milwaukee. The people now see them at their real value. They are simply pot-boiler politicians who have no principles for jobs at the drop of the hat.

Dr. Wiley says Roosevelt showed himself the plant enemy of the pure food law and helped the food adulterers and dopers to make it a make-believe and a fraud. And Roosevelt is telling the people how he was back of the passage of the law. Ain't he the limit?

Now that Roosevelt has quit the old parties as a sorehead he admits that they are "tools of corrupt interests." And he was formerly the leader of one of those parties which was corrupt by its very nature. When was the last time a class of men fell out honest men got the truth?

Old-party-politics is degrading. It becomes a trade. Not every old party politician started out as a ward heeler, but many a good man who started out from high principles and then fell into the trap. No do we say that every old party politician is a crook, but a good many of them are.

There was never a time in the history of the nation when it was easier for the working class to produce the necessities of life than it is today. There was never a time in the history of the nation when the ability of the working class to get the necessities of life for themselves and those dependent on them was harder than today.

The constant rise in the cost of living is what the wealth masters are working to use. The system is wrong that permits a relatively few members of society to own and control the necessities of the rest of mankind. We must get the control of the necessities of life into the hands of the people.

Back of politics are principles. Principles naturally and inevitably make parties. Those who support a party are its partisans. A non-partisan man is a non-party man, that is, a non-principle man. A citizen without political principles is a non-citizen.

Who do you want represented in Congress? You are given a ballot when you vote. Make it for the people's government. Of course every candidate SAYS he stands for the people. Just the same you know who are the real enemies of the people who are back of the parties they hold allegiance to.

That Roosevelt-Taft tongue lashing match several months ago was graceful, all right, and eternally disgusted a lot of old party voters. Yet the campaigning of the old party factions is thus far has been almost as bad. About all they have been doing so far has been to call each other liars and corruption tools. The best of it is that a good many people are convinced that they are all telling the truth.

It is complained that the reform movement is a failure. It is a failure in the sense that it has not yet won the support of the masses. But it is a success in the sense that it has shown the people the way to freedom.

There is one way the Socialists believe in, i. e., the war on poverty. They are carrying on that war continually.

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO EXCESSIVE POVERTY IN A LAND SO FRUITFUL AS THIS.

The people are making wealth every day. There is abundance for all yet the lot of the great majority is a life full of anxiety, insecurity, and degradation.

Only a faulty social system would starve the lives and aspirations of people in the midst of overflowing abundance.

Back of all politics is the condition of the people. The capitalist party is the party of the few. The Social-Democratic party is the party of the many. The Social-Democratic party is the party of the people.

A Social Sunday school, with what taste and what tact! The Sunday school is a church institution of long standing. As such the church people have the unqualified right to resent any imitation of it, or at least of the name. Church people have long been told by the Social-Democratic party that Socialism was an enemy of the church—and certainly the establishment of Social Sunday

## THREE IMMEDIATE PURPOSES OF THE AMERICAN SOCIAL-DEMOCRACY.



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## WILSON, TAFT AND TEDDY, THERE'S NO HOPE IN THEM!

WRITTEN FOR THE HERALD BY ALLAN L. BENSON

THE people of this country are not fools. They can be fooled only so far. When both work and food are hard to get, they know something is the matter.

That is the condition today. The people are becoming restless. They are preparing to do what, in similar emergencies, they have always done. They are preparing to put out one party and put in another. They do not realize that the party they intend to put in is and always has been controlled by the same class of men who control the Republican party. They believe the Democratic party reborn. They believe Wilson has put a new heart in it.

Oh, foolish belief! Do you never realize how many times "a new heart" has been put into the Democratic party? Did not Grover Cleveland put a new heart into the Democratic party? Did not Theodore Roosevelt once put a new heart in the Republican party? Did either of them ever put a new heart into you? Did either of them or both of them ever do anything really worth while for you? Were the conditions in your house better when they were in the white house? Did you have enough to live on and more? Were wages high and the cost of living low? Did you go about your task of making a living with confidence and enthusiasm? Were you as certain you could make a good living and more as Mr. Morgan is certain that he can make another million and more? In short was life sweet to you then—did it mean more because you had so much more?

Mr. Morgan or Mr. Ryan will not ask these questions of you, but I ask them of you. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Ryan do not want you to think of such things, but I tell you that you can neither serve yourself nor protect yourself unless you think of them. Mr. Morgan, Mr. Ryan and men of their kind are banking upon your short memory. They trust themselves to prevent you from seeing ahead, and they trust you not to see behind. A man who can look backward cannot be fooled twice by the same trick. And of all the tricks that have been played upon you, none has worked more successfully than the trick of making a "good" man the candidate of a bad party.

Woodrow Wilson is a "good" man. He means well. If what he means would be well for you, it would be well for you to elect him president. But I respectfully suggest that the mere fact that a man means well constitutes no reason why you should elect him president. The white house is filled with portraits of men who meant well. Mr. Taft does not do well by you because he has no proper conception of your rights as a man. He belittles you even more than you belittle yourself. You have asked for little and he has given you less. But he has not given you much less of what you need than Woodrow Wilson promises.

What does Woodrow Wilson promise? The platform upon which he is running declares that a protective tariff is unconstitutional, and that if the Democratic party be entrusted with power, the tariff will be reduced to a revenue basis. But do you not realize, in the first place, that whether the tariff is high or low, you are always poor, and that, furthermore, there are not in congress a handful of Democrats who would vote to put this plank into effect?

Let us clear up this situation a little at a time. What you want is the right of continuous employment and more money after you have lived well and paid your bills. Anything that will do this for you is worth everything to you. You have always believed a low tariff would help.

That is one of the reasons why you are still poor. You have permitted the gentlemen who are robbing you to deceive you. They have made you believe the tariff question is important to you. As a matter of fact, the tariff is not your question at all. It is their question. It is their question precisely as a burglar's pistol is his weapon rather than the weapon of the sleeping citizen whom he despoils. The situation is exactly this: The rich men are all after your money. In the process of getting it, some of them can be helped by the tariff. Some of them cannot. It all depends upon the kind of business in which they are engaged. The ones whose business does not permit them to rob you more easily with the tariff are naturally opposed to "protection." They are opposed to a tariff for the same reason that a burglar who could not shoot straight might be expected to oppose the carrying of firearms by other burglars. A house that had been raided by gunmen would not offer exceedingly rich picking to later, unarmed burglars. A man who has been robbed by a tariff is a poor subject for a business man who cannot use a tariff in his business.

That is all there is to the tariff question. That is why some Democratic capitalists are in favor of a tariff and some are not. That is why some Republican capitalists are in favor of a high tariff while some are in favor of only a moderate tariff. They have their good reasons for being in favor of or opposed to a tariff. You have no reason for caring much about it.

A high tariff makes the cost of living high, but, in the end, it increases wages, because no one can work for less than it costs him to live. Wages do not go up the same day the tariff goes up—but they go up. They go up slowly—pushed by strikes and suffering and bloodshed.

A low tariff decreases the cost of living, but it does the worker no good because it decreases wages—not slowly, but quickly. The competition among wage workers for

jobs does the trick. We have so many more men than the capitalists can employ at a profit to themselves that there is always a great army of unemployed. Times are never so good that a million men are not out of work. Times are now so bad that more than 5,000,000 of men are out of work. These unemployed men cannot now work for less than the employed men are receiving. They cannot work for less than it costs to live. But let the cost of living be reduced by a reduction of the tariff, and these men would offer to work for less because they could live for less. And the employers, who buy their labor as they buy pig iron, would buy it where they could get it most cheaply. The men who are now employed would be compelled to consent to a reduction, or make way for the unemployed men who were killing to work for less. Having done which they would be precisely where they are now. Unable to pay more for their living than they received in wages, rents would go down; every workingman would continue to live where he now lives, and nobody would be benefited except the business man who cannot use a tariff gun to rob you.

These thoughts may seem strange to you, but they do not seem strange to the facts. They fit the facts. Your opinion that the tariff is important to you fits nothing. If it were important to you, the working class would have been prosperous under some kind of a tariff, either high or low, or without any tariff. Regardless of what the tariff has been, the working class has never been prosperous. Furthermore, if the Democratic tariff would not help you, because Mr. Wilson himself says he believes in reducing the tariff "gradually," and the big men who control the Democratic party are opposed to sweeping reductions.

In short, it is not the tariff, but the trusts that are hurting you. And where does Mr. Wilson stand on the trust question? We know where his platform stands. His platform says the trusts should be destroyed and their criminal owners put into prison.

Are you willing to forego your chances of earthly happiness until Mr. Wilson can put John D. Rockefeller, J. Pierpont Morgan and other gentlemen of their class in jail? If you are, you are not so eager for happiness as you seem to be. Judge Landis once tried to collect a fine of \$29,240,000 from Mr. Rockefeller, but he couldn't do it. He could not collect a cent. Since Mr. Rockefeller probably values his liberty even more than he does his money, the likelihood does not seem great that Mr. Wilson or anybody else will ever be able to put him in prison for violating the anti-trust law. At any rate, is it not a poor promise to hold out to the working class: "Suffer on, poor fellow!"

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## THE SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN AMAZES THE ENEMY---Phenomenal Meetings Everywhere Overwhelm and Worry Old Party Hulks

### --The "Good Old Times" for Them: Are Rapidly Passing

(BY J. L. ENGBAHL)

**SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts.**—One of the big phenomena of the present national presidential campaign is the spirit displayed in the Socialist party mass meetings.

If the Socialist vote this year were to be judged at this time by the great throngs that have been turning out to Socialist gatherings since the presidential campaign began it would be a big vote indeed.

The campaign meetings are made up of persons from all walks of life. The universal appeal seems to have furnished some reason for everyone to hear the party's side of the present political controversy.

The influx of women into the party during the last four years is nowhere so well seen as through a comparison of the campaign meetings this year and in the struggle four years ago.

This seeming power so far as voting is concerned must be discounted with the exception of the six states where it is admitted that this adherence of women to the party and its principles is greater than ever.

There was a time when the non-socialist newspapers of Milwaukee found considerable comfort in the fact that a considerable percentage of the Socialist campaign meetings in the Wisconsin metropolis was made up of boys and girls in their teens and little children. They pointed out that instead of the voter alone in the families, the whole family turned out to the Socialist gatherings.

No small part of the power behind many a Socialist campaign meeting comes from the foreign language organizations that are to be found in nearly every city where there is an English local.

This international character was commented upon by The Springfield, Mass. Republican, after Seidel's meeting.

The audience was an unusual one, composed of all nationalities and classes, with a liberal sprinkling of women, who were keen to catch the points and quick to laugh or applaud them.

The Socialist meetings in this campaign are just about the most cheerful things in politics.

"Emil Seidel is a fighter against the

wage system, which is the slavery of today. When Mr. Seidel appeared, they gave him an ovation of cheers and hand clapping that lasted two or three minutes.

Socialist Vice Presidential Candidate Seidel and Progressive Vice Presidential Candidate Hiram Johnson arrived in Springfield about the same time. The Union, the following morning, carried an account of the Seidel meeting and an interview with Johnson. The report of the Seidel meeting was nearly two columns long, while the Johnson interview was less than one column.

**DEBS MEETINGS TREMENDOUS.**

**MUSKOGEE, Oklahoma.**—All Kansas and Oklahoma is seething with Socialism. Muskogee citizens gave Debs an audience of 2,000 attentive listeners. There is great activity and enthusiasm throughout both states.

Hughes county, Oklahoma is going for Socialism. The old parties have practically given up the fight.

Some Democrats have been charged with conspiracy for depriving qualified colored men of their right to vote. They are being held to the federal grand jury at Ardmore by United States Commissioner Clapp.

The Socialists propose to push the case against them with all their power.

**PARSONS, Kansas.**—There were big things doing when the Debs party arrived at Pittsburg, Kan., yesterday. An elaborate "Debs day" program at 10 a. m., in which 500 comrades, men, women, and children, took part. Led by bands they marched through the principal streets of the city to Lincoln park, where they were entertained by the bands and a speech with revolutionary airs followed by speeches from George A. Brewer, candidate for congress; A. W. Ricker, candidate for United States senate; and Wood Simmons, who is a candidate for superintendent of public instruction, which is an elective office. J. A. Wald and Fred D. Warren were also present.

Miners, farmers and others came from all the surrounding districts and after 2,000 people had gained admittance, nearly as many more were unable to do so. It is believed that Brewer, the congressional candidate, and I. D. Turkington, candidate for sheriff will win out. Comrade J. N. Sauter, a mail carrier and a candidate for clerk of the district court, has been suspended from the post office service because of his political activity as a Socialist. A petition has been circulated by the Crawford county citizens and fully 80 per cent of the voters have signed for Sauter's reinstatement.

**DEBS AT INDIANAPOLIS.**

**INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana.**—Eugene V. Debs was greeted here at Tomlinson hall with tremendous applause by over 5,000 people.

His lecture on class struggle was delivered with telling effect. Frank J. Hayes, vice president of the United Mine Workers, candidate for congress from the Seventh West Virginia strike district, was present and added to the effect by a well-rounded introduction.

"The Socialist party has got its feet under it," declares Seidel. "We are fighting one thing, and that thing is capitalism. That is what the Socialists everywhere are fighting."

"I find that the great growth in our party membership has made the Socialist party more stable rather than temporarily unwieldy."

There is one portion of Seidel's talk that never fails to bring repeated and renewed cheering. It is where he shows that as a result of the growing solidarity of the working class, the workers are learning to elect the officials that they nominate and place upon platforms which they themselves have built.

"Then," he declares, "we will pass laws that are beneficial to the working class and repeal those laws that are not beneficial to the working class. We will also have our own judges, and we will declare the laws that benefit the working class to be constitutional and all other laws will be unconstitutional. Then Socialism will be constitutional and capitalism will be unconstitutional."

After one week in the New England states, Seidel goes to New York city to take part in the big Madison Square garden meeting next Sunday. He will then return immediately to Milwaukee, where it is understood they are planning a big home coming for the ex-mayor.

The Socialist movements of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Buffalo, N. Y., are dubbed as being as much alike as two drops of water. They are both, however, developing fast and promise big things for the immediate future. It wasn't two years ago when Buffalo could only lay claim to about 60 dues paying members. Today Buffalo Socialists claim 1,100, and they are watching the national bulletins of the Socialist party closely to see that the remainder of the nation keeps up the same pace.

"Fifty" Concord, one of the king pins in the Democratic party, lives in Buffalo, and owns the Courier. It spoke of the Seidel meeting here as follows:

Seidel packs hall at 15 cents a person.

Thousands of women hear candidate for Socialist vice presidency because Bull Moose of stealing woman

sufrage plank from Socialist party.

Then followed enough of extracts from Seidel's speech to fill the remainder of a first page column, which had been for a Socialist mass meeting by a capitalist newspaper.

"The crowd was filled with enthusiasm," says the Buffalo Times, "and when the former mayor of Milwaukee entered the big hall, he was cheered to the echo, the cheers and applause lasting for several minutes."

The Jewish element among the Buffalo Socialists claim the nomination of Oscar Shirer, the former mayor of Buffalo, for governor of the state will not alienate the Jewish workers of the city from the Socialist party.

schools—is a witty way of confirming it. It is all right to hold classes on Sunday or any other day but for goodness sake give them a name that will not be an offense to many people whose sympathy we seek.

The banks in Milwaukee tried to form a combination to withhold credit from any big advertiser who used the columns of The Milwaukee Leader, the big Socialist daily, and to thus prevent the rise of a dangerous public print. Failing to get all banks into the conspiracy one or two of the largest "masseurs" to get several big advertisers to stay out. But the rest of the streets needing the public patronage have found that they need the paper in their business even though they do not like its politics and the paper is now carrying almost enough each day to help put the right side of the ledger. It aims to carry 600,000 a day, and while some days it carries less, on one day last week the count was 1,700,000.

The Social-Democrats have their fundamental principles, their "end aim," which is to end the exploitation of man by man. Sometimes the old parties claim to have fundamental principles and sometimes they deny that they have them and claim to be non-partisan and to stand merely for "good" money and the spoils of the office. The Socialists are guided by their principles and are always on the side of the people's interests because they have always their aim in view, no matter how seemingly unimportant the measures they advocate or put through.

A word to the women folks. In this week's Herald I am printing a remarkable article from the pen of a Socialist wife, who has recently discovered socialism after years of worry about the "contamination" doctrine. The land is full of worthy women who are in the same position as she was in. Who have even felt it a duty to destroy Social literature in the hope of saving husbands or sons from the "contamination." The women are waking up, and it is such articles as the one I recommend that will have a powerful influence in waking them up. Beware of the influence of the issue of the Herald into the hands of as many women as they can. It is a downright duty, that's what it is, and it should not be forgotten.

A long headed, shrewd corporation lawyer, who advocates the same thing. He was no fool, you may well believe. Next it was taken up by some parlor reformers, and then some other "reformers" of the practical variety. Then at the very last, the Socialists put on an anti-like smile and came in as partisans in order to make Milwaukee a better city, were it from the Socialists, and put an end to "minority rule." And they did, for a fact, for the party had in its ranks many of the best people. Present what do we see? Well, the corporations all back in the middle the same as they were in the old days. We and the politicians running as non-partisans on the Democratic ticket are all in the same boat. The whole affair. How quick it went to rot!

The governor of Wisconsin, running for re-election on the Republican ticket gives out a letter saying he will vote for Roosevelt and charging Taft with having wrecked the historic old Republican party. The capitalists are all in on the side of the Republican as can be well imagined when a Republican governor candidate can run on the party's ticket and win the same time, whoop it up for the Big I. The rise of Socialism has played hob with old party politics as nothing ever before did, and is forcing new alignments among the capitalist politicians. The Republican party had its best thing in Wisconsin, but the last surviving member of that first meeting is out saying he's for Roosevelt. This year's campaign is almost a joke. Nothing like it was ever seen.

## Now for Socialist Day!

More than 5,000 Socialist locals and branches throughout the United States will hold mass meetings on Sunday, October 13. This day has been set aside for the Socialist party. The campaign headquarters is unable to supply the great demand for speakers for that occasion, and the members in the different localities are selecting the best talent from their own midst. A great audience will be present in the mass meetings of Socialists than ever assembled to hear any message delivered to the American people.

Eugene V. Debs and Emil Seidel, Socialist presidential candidates, have prepared special messages which will be read at the mass meetings. The indications point to an audience of more than two million people, and this vast audience, distributed across the entire nation, will be directly addressed by the standard bearers of the Socialist party.

A feat like this has never before been accomplished in the history of the United States.

Primaries, the Socialists have the leading position in the political campaign fight to regain control of this city.

Socialists held possession of Brockton from 1893 to 1903. A fight is now on to regain it.

The demonstration last night showed that the Socialist forces are stronger than ever. Several hundred women were in the line of march, carrying "Vote for Women" banners. The foreign population, consisting of Poles, Lithuanians, Jews, Scandinavians and Finns, made a strong showing. Torchlight, banners, flags and transparencies made the procession a spectacular one.

Eight thousand people saw the parade. The halls were, by far, too small to accommodate the enormous crowds.

Vice Presidential Seidel, and Governor Candidate Sawyer, witnessed the parade from an automobile, after which they addressed the mass meetings. Sawyer confined himself to state issues, while Seidel treated on those of a national nature.

## SEIDEL AT NEW HAVEN

**NEW HAVEN, Connecticut.**—Six big meetings, and over 100 miles of motoring through Connecticut was the total of Seidel's first successful day's work in two automobile tours of this state.

The last meeting of Seidel to the state was held in this city. Seidel was cheered by an audience of over 4,000 in Music hall.

Seidel spoke first at New London. The hall was filled by a noonday meeting at Norwich. That afternoon he held an enthusiastic meeting at South Manchester. Bad conditions of roads made travel slow and several smaller places were eliminated from the schedule.



# NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIALISM--Socialist's Wife, Finally Converted to Social-Democracy, Pours Her Heart Out to Other Women Now Sitting in Darkness

BY MRS. ADA BUROW.  
I dedicate this little contribution to the pure-minded women who now belong, and who will belong in future, to the greatest organization this world has ever known--one for the genuine uplift of humanity and for the weaker sex in particular.

Time was, when a woman was no school, churches, libraries, teachers, but a chattel bought and sold for to be treated worse than her master's horse or dog. They received a pat or kind word when the day's work was done, but what did the faithful wife receive? A rating, a blow usually, for some imaginary misdemeanor. She was never consulted about anything; she was simply a necessary adjunct to the comfort of man. She had no rights.

Later the law stepped in and the wife had to sign the necessary papers, when property changed owners, though hardly knowing what she was signing, as it was considered folly for women to have any schooling. The sons of the family were most important persons, the daughters were drudges, their one aim and aim in life being to contract a marriage and not bear the stigma of "old maid." Many times a girl was sold, you might say, to the highest bidder, her wishes not counting when perhaps her heart was already in the keeping of some honest, upright young man, whose only fault was poverty. But, when in this situation any better day? We call the mistakes of the past ignorance. Yes! It was ignorance; but in these enlightened times, with our splendid schools, our churches, our libraries, our teachers, our lectures, we have enforced ignorance under capitalism. Everything is controlled by the capitalists--schools, churches, libraries, teachers and when a lecturer, a preacher or a school teacher dares to rise and make a plea for the people, he is promptly hounded, and he is hounded by anything to squelch such heresy. By capitalist rule it is a sale of our daughters to prostitution, our sons to purgatory on earth, our husbands to discouragement, ourselves to heaven knows what, the only outlook the factory or sweat shop.

**Fear to Marry.**  
A young man must be pretty courageous to think of marrying and rearing a family when he knows the high cost of living, high rent, low wages and long hours under capitalism. The average home of the worker is nothing but an eternal struggle for existence by the father, and the mother, for the children. The children, youth, broken in health and spirits. They have no time or inclination to be children with their children, if the sons and daughters go out to get a little pleasure (often doubtful) they say, "Oh, let them be good, they are little boys in the end." Like a lightning stroke out of a clear sky the daughter is ruined, or the son a drunkard. Now, if that isn't breaking

up the home I'd like to know what you would call it. The capitalist roar, "Down with Socialism! It will break up the home; it will kill patriotism; they advocate free love, their papers flame with it, their priests and preachers roar from the pulpits down with Socialism! It means free love; it will break up the home."

**Break Up the Home!**  
Yes, comrades, we are trying to break up the miserable hovels the workers call home, and make conditions better, so that they can have homes that are heavens in comparison. Yes! We are advocates in the love that is free to all, the love of all things beautiful, good and true; the love an honest young man can give the girl of his choice so they can marry and establish another happy home--this love that a man will be free in the sense of leisure to give his wife and children; the love that father and mother will be free to give their children when they most need it; the love that the children may give their parents, that they need not fear to go in father or mother with all the (to them) important affairs of youth, and know that papa and mamma will have time to listen and counsel and sympathize. It is pitiful how many a young girl would give the world if she could go to her mother and sob out her woes, knowing that her mother understood. Do you think all these girls would go wrong if their parents had time and money to go with them to places of amusement, and could have their young friends come to their own homes instead of meeting on the street corners or alley? Would so many boys go wrong if they could go to father and know he would listen and advise them and have time to be

a boy with them? No! Most emphatically, No! They would not go wrong. This is our definition of free love, as we want it, as we will have it. I will not go into the definition of "free love," as the capitalists have it, for you have only to take up any of their dailies, the Police Gazette, the assignment houses, even the palaces of the "400," where it is not considered good form to be seen often in the company of your husband or wife.

**Did Not Know the Cause.**  
Let me tell you how I was converted to the cause of Socialism. For 30 years I was one misadventure after another. I was dissatisfied with our life, but did not know the cause or a remedy. Then four years ago my husband read the Social-Democratic Herald. I thought it was a reader and thinker had studied Socialism for years, so the principles of Socialism were nothing new to my husband, and, always having been a good friend of a reader, but the reading I had been doing was certainly not for the cause of Socialism. I did not like the tone of many articles I read. They did not seem right. Hypocrisy and greed were the keynote of them all. I asked for a liberal order, the largest next to Socialism, there is in the world. There the teachings and vows are true, our

motto is, "Whatever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so unto them." But even there I bumped up against the rock of hypocrisy. Still it made me gradually think, although I would not give in to Socialism, I would not read the Socialist paper. Every little thing that went wrong, I laid to the teachings of Socialism.

**Burning Socialist Papers.**  
I even went to the extreme of threatening to burn every Socialist paper as it came into the house. But with infinite patience my husband read and talked to me on the subject when I would condescend to listen, and a brother-in-law now gone to the great beyond, explained some of the things of Socialism to me.

I listened at first because I was a guest at his home, then because I was becoming interested in spite of myself. Then I made up my mind that if I had to have Socialism, I would have it. I would not let the "doubtful" consolation of knowing that I am only one of thousands of wives and mothers, who are making the same mistake I did. We have many sympathizers here, some of whom would be glad to help us, but I am sorry to say there are a number of men who dare not bring a Social-Democratic sheet into the house. And

why? Because their "wives won't let them." One reads the Milwaukee Leader on the sly and would subscribe for it if he could dare.

Just think of it! But you will hear those same wives railing at high prices, long hours, low wages, the "inefficiency of our teachers," and in fact everything wrong in general--but to hear of Socialism as a remedy, the Lord forbid!

Our country will certainly go to perdition they say, if the Socialists get into power. That is the recurring cry of pulpits, capitalist press and the average periodical. On the Fourth of July and Memorial day they and their little sons and of us wives will be wildly patriotic, waving the flag of the "free free!" Are they free?

The last blow to my reverence for the flag came after a recent election when the divisions of the red light district paraded in the streets carrying the United States flag in honor of the new mayor and the "defeat" of those "awful Socialists." Defeated, were they? Well, I guess not, and they never will be.

**Sisters, Read and Think.**  
Now, sisters and comrades, listen, read and think. Just think of the power a woman can wield, for it makes no difference what project is taken up, be it politics, the church, the school, the home, it is the woman's influence, good or bad, that is behind it. If your husband or son is becoming interested in Socialism find out all about it right from headquarters; don't listen to the gossip of someone whose interest it is to keep you ignorant.

ing all the time, that has been working and fighting to give you the rights you now enjoy.

Help it along, fight with your influence, encourage your husband to fight with the ballot, till your turn comes to also fight with the ballot. Fight for better conditions, better homes. Teach your sons and daughters that you are working for, so that future generations will rise up and call you blessed. Be the sympathizer your husband expected to have when you took him for better or for worse.

**Happier Days.**  
I can truthfully say that after all these years of trials and troubles the last four years have been the happiest of my married life. I am happier today than when I left the altar with my husband years ago. We understand each other better, and together we are trying our best to promote Socialism. Our children are interested in our leisure time is spent reading and discussing the situation of today, something that must be done with the problems of misrule ever before us, it must be done for our children's sake.

Fathers and mothers of the world, you must work together, then one of the most powerful enemies of Socialism will be downed forever, and you will find happy homes where now you find the devil in discontent--and capitalism. So, wives and mothers, it is up to you. Don't wreck your lives and homes by ignorance. Men may be the capitalists of the Ship of State, but it is the woman who is the pilot every time.

## The Economic Development Amply Proves the Socialist Philosophy

BY MORRIS HILQUIT.  
The modern factories, mines, railroads and other great industrial enterprises are co-operative institutions in their work and method of production. Perfect machinery and division of labor have entirely obliterated the individuality of the worker's product. The individual worker in modern up-to-date industries does not produce consumable commodities or render usable service. He creates particles and performs fractional operations, useless and meaningless by themselves, and acquiring value only in conjunction with other fractional products created by his fellow workers. Production has developed into a distinctly social process--the collective efforts of the workers sustain our modern industries, their individual efforts stand alone, count for nothing.

And similarly with the principle of competition in the management of industries. The entire trend of modern economic development has been away from the individualism of the past toward the principle of non-interference with the trust movement of the last generation is just this simple fact, that competition has become inadequate and incompatible with modern large-scale industry, and must give place to co-operation. Probably one-half of our staple commodities are today produced and marketed without competition, and it is only a question of a short time, when combination will become the absolute rule in industry.

It is not contended that factories or trusts are instruments of the Socialist commonwealth. Under their present system of private and capitalist ownership they are anything but that. But what the Socialists claim is that both factories and trusts represent a distinct tendency toward co-operation in industry and develop the material basis for a Socialist form of industrial organization.

And in the domain of modern politics the legislative and executive tendencies have been even more pronounced than in the industrial field. The modern industrial state came into existence as a protest against the excessive centralization and paternalism of the past. Gradually it was based on the principle of non-interference with the affairs of the citizens. It proclaimed the doctrine that that state

governs best which governs least, and it tried to govern as little as possible. It gave the citizens of all conditions, ages and sexes to fight their own battles. "Administrative Nihilism," to borrow an expression from Huxley, was the rule of politics and legislation just before the "laissez-faire" was the law of industry.

These conceptions of the functions of the state and legislation probably had some justification in the early phases of our era, when the social contrasts were not very marked, and the opportunities were abundant for all men. But when the unprecedented economic development of the last generations finally divided the population of every advanced country into distinct economic classes: the working class, devoid of property and opportunity, and the capitalist class, owners of all national industries; when the struggle for existence became an unequal, cruel war between the weak and the strong, the principle of non-interference by state and legislator proclaimed the duty of the state to take care of its disabled, sick and aged workmen, the veterans and invalids of the modern industrial warfare. Germany introduced the system of state insurance for workingmen against accidents, sickness and disability and of old age pensions, and its example was soon followed by almost all advanced countries of Europe and Australia.

## A Story of Official Rascality

BY EUGENE V. DEBS.  
This is an old story, which has been many times told, but it cannot be too often repeated, as workingmen have proverbially short memories.

In December, 1893, the receivers of the Northern Pacific railroad notified their employees that a considerable reduction in wages was about to be made on January 1, 1894. This action was in direct violation of an agreement which existed between the several organizations of employees and the managers of the road, and, of course, resulted in a general strike. The receivers thereupon applied to Judge Jenkins of the United States district court, who, on December 19, 1893, issued his famous injunction restraining the services of said receivers, with or without notice, as to strike or picket the line of the road. On December 22, upon further application of the receivers, who feared a strike notwithstanding the restraining order of December 19, Judge Jenkins issued a more stringent order, expressly stating that he found authority for his high-handed proceeding in the action of Judges Taft and Hicks in their Ann Arbor injunction. How the Jenkins injunction was reviewed and dissolved with respect to its most objectionable features by the circuit court of appeals is a matter of history that need not here be repeated; but a certain phase of the matter which deserves the attention of workingmen may be recalled with profit.

The Jenkins injunction, following so closely upon the infamous order of Judge (now President) Taft in the Ann Arbor case, aroused intense indignation among the employees of the road, and gave rise to insistent demands for legislative action defining and strictly limiting the power of courts to make use of the process of injunction. This was the result of the demonstration of President Grover Cleveland. The Democrats were in power.

The demand for legislative action became so strong that congress could not ignore it, and the houses of representatives and senate passed a law which Representative Boies, of Louisiana, was chairman, to investigate the Jenkins decision. This committee made its report to congress on May 4, 1894, more than 13 years ago, and it is a scathing indictment of the law, and strongly recommended that relief from the abuse of injunction be granted by appropriate legislation.

"Our committee find nothing in the testimony of the witnesses before us to show any corrupt intention on the part of the judge. It is altogether possible that he is sincere in the conviction that he is properly exercising the authority conferred upon him by the law. This view of the case presented us from recommending any proceedings looking to his impeachment, but in order that there may be no further excuse for such orders we recommend the enactment of a statute which will effectually define their limits."

In order to prevent the abuse of authority claimed by the judiciary their power to punish for contempt should be defined and limited by law."

The Boies report was followed within two months by the great A. R. U. strike, which was accompanied by a perfect riot of injunction. The members of the executive board of the union were arrested by order of a judicial satrap, named Woods, and sentenced to jail, not as the result of a trial and conviction for any crime, but solely on the arbitrary dictum of the judge that they were guilty of contempt of court. A blanket injunction issued by him; and the Woods decision was

## Wilson, Taft and Teddy, There's No Hope in Them!

(Continued from last page.)  
lows. Your happy days will come when Rockefeller and the rest of them are in jail." Why, if they were all in jail, other men would gladly volunteer to take their places at your pockets. They like your money. If men will endure the danger of Arctic cold to stake out gold mines, why should we expect there would ever be a dearth of men ready to fight in the courts for the opportunity to rob you?

The plain truth is that these gentlemen can beat laws to regulate trusts faster than you can make them. Mr. Taft "destroyed" the Standard Oil company and the American Tobacco company. So far as paper decisions are concerned his victory was complete. But the shrewd attorneys of these corporations quickly beat the law by drafting plans for reorganization. The federal courts approved the plans, and these great corporations, that for years have been under the fire of the government, are now actually operating under the approval of the government. Yet none of the abuses of which we have complained has been remedied; and Standard Oil stock has actually risen to the highest point in its history, simply because its owners realize that in our campaign against them we have failed.

Also, there is this to remember about the Democratic promise to "destroy" the trusts and put the trust magnates in jail. The greatest trust magnates in the country are the most powerful influences in the Democratic party. Regardless of what Mr. Wilson might want to do he could do no more than they would let him do. They could block him in congress and in the courts, and they would do so. They have always controlled congress and the courts. They will control the next congress.

Mr. Wilson is also in favor of the initiative, the referendum and the recall of some public officials--not of judges, however. He opposed these measures until he went into politics, but he gives every evidence of having frankly been converted to them. No man should be blamed for learning, even though he learn late.

But the value of these measures depends entirely upon what one purposes to do with them. The initiative, for instance, is a most admirable governmental device, giving the people, as it does, power to enact laws that their representatives neglect or refuse to enact for them. But will you kindly ask yourself what laws that would really help

you, Mr. Wilson has ever suggested that you initiate? His platform does not speak of any. He, himself, in all of the hundreds of speeches he has made, has never spoken of any. Neither he nor his platform has ever spoken of anything except reducing the tariff, "destroying" the trusts, sending the trust magnates to prison, regulating the corporations and simplifying the machinery of election. Nor has Mr. Wilson ever designated any laws that you might well wipe out with the referendum, because they really account for your poverty. He comes out boldly for the recall of any bad official except a bad judge, but who, pray, comes to the defense of bad officials? Even Charlie Murphy, of Tammany hall, will tell you he is opposed to "bad" officials. The value of the recall depends entirely upon whom you consider a bad official. One of the worst ways in which an official can be bad is to be useless in the face of a great emergency. Would Mr. Wilson consider as bad a president who could do nothing to prevent poverty from ravaging a rich country? He has never said so.

In a general way, the foregoing sums up Mr. Wilson's candidacy. He is a "good" man. He means well. The great Democratic capitalists would have preferred Clark. They could not get him. They had to take Wilson. Having taken him they are using him. They are using his "goodness" to fool you. They know exceedingly well he cannot do much to hurt them or to help you. The most he can do will be to talk to and stir up "unrest." He may not do even that. He is mixing a good deal these days with Democratic grafters. But even if he should talk the capitalists of both parties who are robbing you can stand it. They will not enjoy the talking, but they can stand it. They know they can prevent him from doing anything. They will have congress and the courts with which to block him. And, after even two terms of Wilson, you will be as empty handed as you were after two terms of Roosevelt. All of you will be poor. Some of you will be hungry. All of you will be looking for another good man to save you.

Why look forward to such a future? Do you never grow weary of straining your eyes to catch sight of the promised land that recedes as rapidly as you plod toward it? Are you prepared to go into your grave without ever having tasted the sweets without which life is not sweet? Do you expect to live forever? If not, why do you think of voting for Roosevelt or Wilson? Roosevelt had seven

and one-half years in which to do something for you. There were only two great things that you needed to have done. One was to give you the power to exercise your right to work. The other was to prevent capitalists from robbing you of what your work produced. Mr. Roosevelt did neither of these things. He did not even advocate anything that would have done them. He can be excused for not having done them, but he cannot be excused for not having advocated them. Mr. Roosevelt was conscientious in all that he advocated, but he could not see far enough. He believed the things he did would help. They didn't.

Now he wants to try again. His friends say he has "grown"--that he is a bigger man than he was when he left the white house. His enemies say he is becoming a Socialist. Certain it is that he is advocating three Socialist measures--the initiative, the referendum and the recall. Equally certain it is that he is no more becoming a Socialist than a growing baby mouse is becoming elephantine. Mr. Roosevelt is the most far-seeing protector of the present order of things. He himself says that if the great capitalists are wise they will give up the little he wants to take from them instead of holding fast until every vestige of power is torn from them. Comparatively speaking, he believes not much need be done to make everything right. Give him another chance and he will put everything in the way of becoming right. Give him another chance. He did not know what to do before, but he knows what to do now.

Again: Do you expect to live forever? Have you time to wait for Mr. Roosevelt? If in seven and one-half years he could do nothing for you, how many years do you believe he would require to save you? If he were to be installed in the presidency for life are you sure the rest of his lifetime would be sufficient? Do you and Mr. Roosevelt both expect to live forever?

You of the working class do not need Mr. Roosevelt to save you, nor do you need an eternity in which to be saved. You can save yourselves now. Nobody else can save you at any time. You can abolish hunger. You can abolish want. You can abolish fear of the future--the fear that comes from uncertainty of employment. You can abolish, not only poverty, but the ignorance that comes from poverty and the crime that comes from poverty. You can make this country a fit place in which to live.

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## THE GOMPERS POLICY.

Joseph Lofthouse, the all-around political labor crook of Lawrence, Mass., has at last come to the end of his rope. He was up in Maine during the past few weeks making high tariff speeches to "protect" the slaves of the textile mills. Lofthouse was too weak with his checks, and one signed by William M. Wood, head of the Wool Trust at Lawrence, was captured, photographed and shown to the public from a stump. Lofthouse also had checks from other manufacturers. This is the fellow who, because two professors of Wellesley college investigated and vigorously denounced the conditions in the textile mills at Lawrence, pronounced that one of his children would be sent to Wellesley. After Gov. Draper vetoed the 54-hour week bill Lofthouse had the gall to go right out and boast Draper, and he was mixed up in other dirty boodle tricks. Lofthouse was a wool sorter and secretary of the Lawrence C. I. U. for some time and has been widely touted as one of New England's "foremost labor leaders."

Overheard at the Hotel Up-State in Wisconsin

BY CARL D. THOMPSON.

"There aren't many Socialists in Milwaukee any more," remarked the learned lawyer with an air of satisfaction. He was a stand-patter of the patet kind and the brains of his little town.

"The h—! there ain't," snapped the Milwaukee traveling man. "Say, you don't know what you're talking about. Why both of the old parties bucked together against them last spring, and then the Socialists pretty near beat 'em. They got 36,000 votes. What's the matter with you?"

"I'm no Socialist," he continued. "I can't just grasp their idea. But they are sincere and they've got something to say. And I'll tell you this—the people of this country are sick and tired of these old parties. They are both of them rotten. They promise everything and when they get in they don't do a d— thing. The Socialists are growing every day. The old parties are no good."

At that point a third party joined the circle and suggested: "Well, why not get in with Roosevelt then?"

"Roosevelt—huh! Roosevelt was president of this country seven years and a half. And he had congress with him, too. Did he do anything to help the people? Can you blame the people for becoming Socialists when you guys are holding them up like that? Say they're going to tell you fellows where to get off at one of these fine days."

"Come on," he said, turning to the other two, "let's go up and hear the Socialist speaker."

"All right," I said, picked up my literature, walked at a comrade and all together we marched up to the hall.

# President Taft, the Wise One, Tells the Socialists Where to Get Off!

Mr. Taft has undertaken to discuss Socialism.

The great objection that our executive entertains to Socialism is that it's against human nature.

Mr. Taft may have other reasons for objecting to Socialism, but the reason upon which he places the greatest emphasis is that it is contrary to human nature that those who produce the world's wealth should be permitted to enjoy it without dividing with those who are privileged to live without working.

Mr. Taft, in warning us of the "impracticability of Socialism," says:

"In the consideration of economic theories we are prone to become lost in abstractions, some being carried to surprising lengths by the impetus of their enthusiasm. Others being brought to a sudden standstill by the inexorable mandates of hard common sense. But there are few of us who need to theorize about the characteristics of human nature or who have not learned by sad personal experience its frailties and its defects, and the application of the knowledge gained from actual experience must always prove the severest test of the Socialistic hypothesis that a politically created committee or commission can prescribe with justice the rates of compensation for human labor. Such a committee or commission must be the creature of the majority of the voters, and until, or unless, the majority of the voters shall become equalized in their earning capacity, such a committee can only do justice."

"The earning capacity of the majority will always be far below that of the exceptionally energetic and proficient, while the tendency of such a committee must always be toward an equalization of compensation until absence of exceptional reward for exceptional service would sound the death-knell of human progress. The social revolution which is the Ultima Thule of the Socialist will be possible only after human nature shall itself have been revolutionized."

There is, then, we take it, no use kicking against the pricks. When God said, let there be light, and there was light, He ordained that it should be the nature of man to refuse to work and produce wealth

unless he should be compelled to give the larger part of it to a master for the opportunity to labor and live.

Mr. Taft's theory is that the only way to make a man work is to keep him "basted." If, by any chance, he should be able to get enough ahead to last him for more than a week, his human nature would assert itself and he'd quit work, idle his time away, and return to his labors only when forced by dire necessity to resume his place in industry.

Mr. Taft's conception of Socialism, we take it, has come from reading an Utopian idyl. Everyone will give up his home and move into a barracks. Everyone is to live happily under a socialized regime of the Little Sisters of the Poor. There will be a uniform haircut for all citizens. Every man will be garbed in a plain suit of gray. The man who is six feet high will be placed on the operating table and shortened to five feet eight inches. The short man will have his legs pulled until he will measure up to the standard. Every one will be equal and no one will know any more than any one else. Evil will be banished from the world. There will be no cloudy days. It will rain at night.

There will be no mud, nor will there be any dust. No one will have the blues. Friends will always be friends. Politics will be free from rancor. The modest man, retiring and judicially tempered, will be chosen to lead and the self-assertive will be rejected.

We can understand that a man whose conception of Socialism is that mankind is to be planted in a new Garden of Eden, with no snakes to tempt Eve, who will be a voter and have an equal voice with

her fellow citizen, Adam, should insist that it's against human nature. But Mr. Taft is not combating Socialism, as Socialists know it, but the Christian ideal of the millennium. His quarrel is not with Socialists, but with the fathers of the Christian church and those inspired prophets who foresaw the second coming of the Messiah and the regeneration of humanity, preliminary to the heavenly state which is to follow the earth's destruction.

Utopian Socialism passed away when Carl Marx dispelled its illusions. Scientific Socialism gives no encouragement to the idea that the world is to become an Utopia. It does hold that under the development of industry the burden placed upon the workers in the tribute which is exacted by the capitalist class, may be removed without interrupting industry and to the relief of those who are producing the nation's wealth.

The oil industry is not dependent upon Mr. Rockefeller. The men who are managing the industry, as well as those who are doing its crudest tasks, are hired men.

The steel industry is not dependent upon Mr. Morgan.

The railways are not dependent upon the Vanderbilts or Hills or Goulds.

In every organized industry the capitalist has ceased to perform the function of manager and has become purely a drone in the industrial hive. To eliminate him and the vast revenues which he draws from industry, will require no change in human nature and will bring to the workers, both skilled and unskilled, larger rewards and greater incentive to proficiency.—Milwaukee Leader.

# IT HAPPENED IN MILWAUKEE

## Fear Socialist Victory

That the "non-partisans" are already becoming frightened at the prospect of being defeated by the Social-Democrats in the coming election, in spite of their carefully laid plans for fusion "to beat the Socialists," was the "non-partisan" movement, in a fit of despair, admitted to City Attorney Hoan that the Socialists would win. Hoan would not state the name of the man who admitted this, but said that he was the first man to start the movement of fusion against the Socialists. "It's no use trying," Hoan quoted him as saying.

## Socialist City Atty.'s Victory

After more than five years of investigation, lawyers' arguments and deliberation by the state railroad commission on the long delayed "3-cent fare" case, Milwaukee citizens will get a coupon good for one fare on the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company. The coupons will not be good for a ride until the fight on the railway commission's ruling has been ended in the federal supreme court. And if the company should win they will be no good even then.

It was due to the efforts of City Attorney Hoan that the coupons will contain the words, "Save This Coupon" instead of "Not Good for Ride," as was suggested by the railroad company's attorneys. All suggestions made by City Attorney Hoan were accepted by the judge.

"The decision is a victory for the city in many ways," said City Attorney Hoan on his return from Madison. "While this matter is pending in the courts those who ride on the street cars may be saving their coupons which will be good for rides if the company's appeal is decided against them."

Interested citizens who had hoped for a material reduction in fare declared the mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse for the people who use the cars save but little under the new system.

The sale of six tickets for 25 cents and 25 tickets for \$1 will be continued with the 50 cent arrangement. The 50 cent and \$1 lots will have coupons attached.

The one fare limits were extended Sunday on the Wells street line from Haywood road to Fifty-ninth avenue National avenue line, Fifty-third avenue to Fifty-second avenue; Walnut street and Pabst avenue to Spring street and Pabst avenue; Farwell avenue line, from Edgewood and Downer avenues to Mineral road. The company made no fight on this proposition and the one fare will be continued.

Continued, according to plans of President and General Manager Mortimer. Arguments in Dane county circuit court on the appeal from the decision of the railway commission may be heard in October.

## Those Socialist Purchases!

The venerable "business men" in the "non-partisan" administration of the big city of Milwaukee have sought to ridicule the Social-Democratic administration because supplies valued at \$17,442.33 were purchased for all the city departments, not to last a week or a month, but to last several years.

This attack by Mayor Bading and by lesser lights in the "non-partisan" administration is amusing to business men of the city who are acquainted with the necessities of large corporations, although these corporation officers are supporters of the administration.

## Had Purchased Ink.

F. G. Simmons, commissioner of public works, sent an inventory of the store room in the city hall to Mayor Bading Friday. This shocked that big business man, "Doc" Bading, because he saw that those "awful" Socialists had purchased ink, inkwells, pencils, pens, tacks, rubber erasers, etc. and other paraphernalia necessary to the work in every department in the city hall, including those of the city clerk, controller, treasurer, building inspector, city attorney, health commissioner, smoke inspector, sealer of weights and measures, city engineer and other offices where scores are employed.

## What's This Truck?

"What in the world could they want with all that truck?" exclaimed Bad-

ing in substance. "They won't be used by the city for many years."

Perhaps "Bading and his other business men" friends in the "non-partisan" offices will express wonderment when they read what real business men have to say about the administration of big corporations on a real basis of efficiency and economy. The city of Milwaukee is a corporation with assets valued at some \$50,000,000, larger than any corporation in the city.

## Supplies Not Excessive.

"The amount of supplies carried by our company runs into many thousands of dollars," said R. B. Stearns, vice president and assistant general manager of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company. "I can not give the exact figures but it is greatly in excess of the amount held by the city."

W. R. Adams, auditor of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, was not willing to make an estimate of the amount of supplies on hand because of the fluctuation in amounts due to different degrees of consumption at different periods of the year.

"We carry a considerable stock of supplies for all departments. We have found that by purchasing in large lots the supplies may be obtained cheaper."

Managers and presidents of large corporations in the city admit that the system of the Social-Democrats was the only businesslike way to get the supplies for the city and that a saving has been effected despite the charge of their "non-partisan" officials.

"The battle cry of the 'non-partisans' is 'Anything to Beat the Socialists,'" declared Winifred C. Zabel, Social-Democratic candidate for district

attorney, to more than 300 employees of the National Brake and Electric company Thursday at the fourth of his successful noonday meetings this week.

"Anything to beat the Socialists," he repeated. "And their acts and conduct so far indicate that they are willing to accomplish that they claim to stand for. They have abandoned their principles. They do not hesitate to appeal to class hatred. They stir up their hearers by their misrepresentation of the Social-Democratic movement."

"Because they differ with the Social-Democrats on questions of economic theory they assail them on every ground."

## Milwaukee's Peewee Mayor

### Again

That Bading made an unfavorable impression Tuesday night when he was a guest of the Green Bay avenue association at its celebration was quite apparent in the after-talk that is heard in that district. In the first place, he was asked on reaching the scene of the celebration, whether he would have any objections to riding in the same carriage with Alderman Bauman of the Twenty-first ward, a workman.

"Decidedly. I will not ride in the same carriage with him or any other Social-Democrat," declared the little tammany power.

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